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## A Community Update from Mayor J.P. Hatem, MD, MPH



The month of May is one of municipal finances, mothers, and remembrance.

Municipal finances continue with our next budget workshop on Monday, May 1st, as the Board of Aldermen and City Staff wade through the numbers, line by line, in meeting the financial goals for our citizens and our city.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th. We spend this day with our mother or we cherish the memories if their physical presence is no longer with us. And we remember those that have been a maternal influence, a dear aunt or family friend. A Happy Mother's Day to all.

We remember those who serve: May is National Military Appreciation Month and May 29th is Memorial Day when we remember the service men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in giving their life for our country. The Lions Club will place US Flags along Howe Street on this day in honor of the courage and sacrifice of those members of our military. May 6th -12th is National Nurses Week. We remember all nurses, especially those who work at J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital. National Police Week is May 14th -20th with Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15th, "In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation that designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week."

In May, we celebrate National Teacher's Day on May 2nd. Thank the teachers around you and remember those who touched your lives when you were a student. It is National Pet Week, May 7th—13th.

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Celebrate the pets that enrich your life, especially the wonderful pets in Southport. National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, 40th Anniversary, established by the President's Council on Physical Fitness in 1983 under President Ronald Reagan.

And in May, Southport Summer Market opens Wednesday, May 3rd, and will be open every Wednesday except July 5th, from 9 am-2 pm, in Franklin Square Park, co-sponsored by the City of Southport and Downtown Southport Inc. (DSI). The City of Southport Hurricane Expo will be Monday, May 22nd, at 5 pm, at the Southport Community Building, as we prepare for hurricane season.

We remember in May our military, our police, nurses, teachers, and our dear mothers. We are grateful for a Free Press and a good newspaper, "The State Port Pilot" as we acknowledge UN World Press Freedom Day on May 3rd. We are inspired to achieve great goals and act on significant opportunities for our citizens and our city, whether the budget, infrastructure-water, and sewer upgrading and merging with Brunswick County, stabilizing our waterfront, providing services, maintenance of equipment, buildings, parks, cemeteries, burying power lines, stormwater, and always, Public Health and Safety, Historic Preservation, Protecting and Preserving the village atmosphere and unique neighborhoods, and the Enhancement of the Quality of Life, the Preservation of the Human Spirit for our city and all our citizens.



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## Southport Forestry Committee

### Avoid the Invasive!



"Hey, where are you from?" That's a phrase that we hear a lot around here in Southport. People want to know where you come from, but are also wanting (sometimes) to size you up as being a "local" or from somewhere else. Whether or not that matters in the context of our human neighbors, it actually is a legitimate question we should be asking when we plant in our yards. Whether we're talking plants, or trees, it is absolutely the right instance where you should consciously surround yourself with "locals."

So what are we talking about when we talking about "Native" plants vs "Non-Native Plants?" Simply stated, a "Native" plant or tree is one that has over time, lived and thrived in a specific geographic area; it has the physiology and temperament to not only survive in this local environment, but thrive - it's that tree's home. A "Non-Native" plant or tree is one that was brought from somewhere else and introduced into the local environment. Maybe it was desirable because it was pretty or filled some other specific need, but the point is it was artificially introduced to the local environment. The worst of these non-native plants are classified as "invasive."

The term "non-native" and "invasive" are not necessarily interchangeable. While a "non-native" plant is also an interloper and less beneficial than native plants, they can be relatively benign. An "invasive" plant on the other hand, is a "non-native" plant that can do actual harm to the local environment, economy or human health.

**The poster child for invasive tree species is the Bradford Pear** (*pyrus calleryana*) - years ago this import from China was seen as the perfect urban street tree. It looked good when in bloom, didn't grow too big, and was cheap for developers to use in new developments and cities to plant along thruways. Now understood to be a horrible invasive that spreads prolifically, municipalities are spending millions of dollars to remove them due to their weak branch and root structure - they're more of a hazard than a benefit. Others that are fairly common in Southport are the Mimosa (*Albizia julibrissin*) tree, Privet Species (*Ligustrum* spp), Tree-of-Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), and the Chinese Tallow tree (*Triadica sebifera*) just to name a few.



So, what are the trees that are native to our area? A good start is to follow the listing compiled for use in conjunction with Southport's tree ordinance - it lists all the trees that are native (or "nativars") to this area and are recommended/approved for planting.

In looking at the list, in addition to the trees that we see every day and are so common to our streetscape (Live Oak, Water Oak, Eastern Red Cedar, Magnolia's, various Pines, etc.) you'll see some others that will make great trees in your yard, some of which even provide a pop of color through their leaves, flowers, or fruit. We're familiar with Dogwoods and Redbuds, but what about a Red Maple, Sassafras, or Paw Paw? Different trees fit different needs both aesthetically and practically for your landscape. Familiarizing yourself with what exactly you want, then having a discussion at the Nursery about what those



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## Avoid the Invasive!

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wants and needs are will ensure the “right tree in the right place” for your yard.

There are several great resources available if you have a question about invasive species in NC - not just trees. In addition, the NC Urban Forest Council will be holding a “Bounty” event on October 21st in Wilmington offering replacement trees to anyone that removes an existing Bradford pear in your yard. Details on both in the links below:

### Southport Native Trees

<https://cityofsouthport.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Southport-Native-Trees.pdf>

### NC Bradford Tree Bounty

<https://www.treebountync.com/>

### NC Invasive Plant Council, Coastal Invasive plants:

<https://nc-ipc.weebly.com/coastal-plain-invasive-plants.html>

*We all want to enjoy a beautiful landscape - sticking with “the locals” is always a good bet.*



## Calling All Giant Oaks to Membership in the Live Oak Society

If you have a live oak on your property that measures 8’ or more in circumference at a point and is 4 ½ feet above the ground, it is eligible for membership in the Live Oak Society.

Click here to learn more: [cityofsouthport.com/calling-all-giant-oaks-to-membership-in-the-live-oak-society](https://cityofsouthport.com/calling-all-giant-oaks-to-membership-in-the-live-oak-society)

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## Alligator Season Has Arrived in Southport!

Animal Protective Services wants to remind everyone that springtime in Southport means it's time for alligator sightings. In North Carolina, alligators are most commonly seen in the spring and summer months - typically May through June - when it's mating and nesting season and alligators are on the move.

Seeing an alligator in person for the first time can be scary, but they rarely pose a threat to humans. In North Carolina, people and alligators are usually able to peacefully coexist; even seeing one in a neighborhood pond or canal is not cause for immediate alarm. In most cases, alligators will remain shy and secretive and will move on when they are ready.

The following tips can help ensure this is the case:




- Never intentionally feed an alligator.
- Keep pets on a leash where alligators could be present.
- Never leave children unattended near any body of water.
- Be particularly cautious between dusk and dawn when alligators are most active.
- Do not approach, harass, or provoke any alligator.
- If the alligator is in a residence or place of business, or interrupting traffic on a public road, call Animal Protective Services at 910-477-1486 or NC Wildlife Enforcement at 800-662-7137.

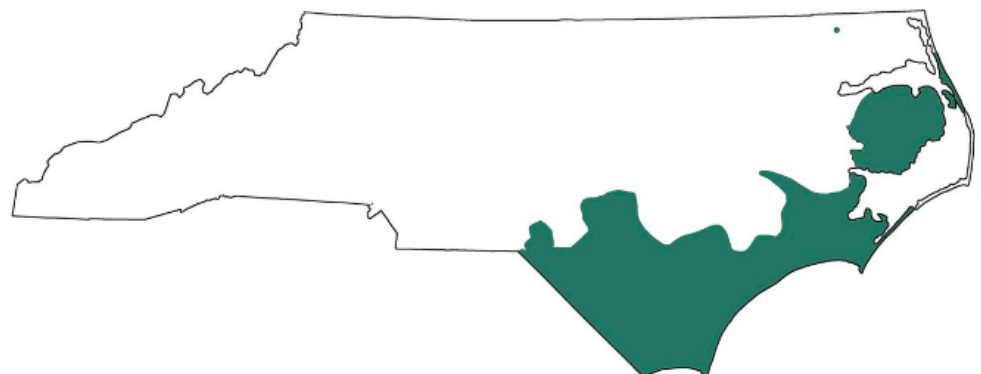
The NC Wildlife Resources Commission handles the management of the alligator population in North Carolina and the management of their habitat. Alligators are also protected by the state and federal government in North Carolina so you can receive a hefty fine for killing, feeding, or harassing them.

Follow the below QR Code for more information on the alligator management plan, or visit [www.ncwildlife.org/Learning/Species/Reptiles/Alligator](http://www.ncwildlife.org/Learning/Species/Reptiles/Alligator)



 NC Wildlife Resources Commission

The green area is where alligators can be found in North Carolina.  
In other words...the further you go into the green area, the higher probability of one seeing you later.



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## Moving Travel Forward This National Travel and Tourism Week

National Travel and Tourism Week, (NTTW) is the annual celebration of the contributions of the U.S. travel industry and will spotlight the essential role that travel will play in driving economic growth and innovation through the theme #TravelForward.

“The travel industry fuels every industry—our industry’s success is the nation’s success,” said U.S. Travel Association President and CEO Geoff Freeman. “This week is a prime opportunity to elevate the message that travel is essential to moving America’s economy forward.”

Established in 1983, NTTW is an annual tradition to mark the U.S. travel industry’s role in stimulating economic growth, cultivating vibrant communities, creating quality job opportunities, stimulating business activity, and elevating the quality of life for everyday Americans.

Travel serves as a catalyst for a productive U.S. economy and helps power the success of other industries. The U.S. travel industry generated a \$2.6 trillion economic output in 2022 and supported 15 million jobs, fueling communities, small businesses, and working families across the country.

Travel spending also generated nearly \$160 billion in federal, state, and local taxes in 2022—revenue that helped fund critical public services while saving each U.S. household an average of \$1,270 in taxes.

Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce is recognizing travel’s essential contributions by holding an ice cream social on May 9th.

Please visit [ustravel.org/NTTW](http://ustravel.org/NTTW) to learn more about National Travel and Tourism Week.



The graphic features a light blue background with a large ice cream cone on the left and a smaller one with a cherry on the right. The text is centered and reads: "HERE'S THE SCOOP!" in large blue letters, "Celebrate National Travel & Tourism Week" in red, a circular logo with "TOURISM COUNTS" and a star, "Ice Cream Social" in red, "You and your staff are invited!" in red, "Tuesday, May 9th" in blue, and "1-3 PM" in blue.

*More info about this event in the back of the newsletter!*

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## Southport Beautification Committee

Next Clean-up: May 6, 2023

The last Beautification Work Day was a big success with 22 volunteers turning out to help keep Southport Beautiful. The Pollinator, Alvin C. Caviness Memorial Park, Round-a-bout, and Garrison Lawn Gardens were all tended to. Many of the signs around the City have been painted with fresh blue and white paint by volunteers. As Volunteer Week comes to a close, we are thankful for the many Beautification volunteers that take the time to help keep our City looking beautiful. Our next work day is on May 6th. If you would like to volunteer your time, we meet at the Old Jail at 9 am. You'll be glad you did.



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## Caswell Avenue Community Garden

### Companions in the Garden

It was over 50 years ago when this writer spent her hard-earned babysitting money and planted flowers all around her Daddy's exceptional garden for Father's Day to make it look pretty. He was not happy. It interfered with his watering hose and sucked up important nutrients his veggies needed. But he put up with the flowers and even watered them with the other plantings. By the end of summer, he was glad that he had. The flowers were marigolds and kept many pests off his precious tomatoes, and his crop was bountiful. Age 11 was an excellent time to be introduced to companion planting.



At Caswell Avenue Community Garden (CACG) most of our gardeners practice companion planting. We research which plants work well with other plants and which combinations to avoid because in an 8' x 4' garden it's just as important to know what NOT to plant together. In both cases, the goal is the same: get the most out of the small space you are given.

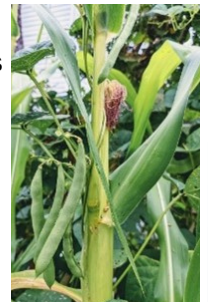


If you need nitrogen in your garden, then beans are your friend. Beans pull nitrogen out of the air and send it to its roots which can then be used by other plants. One common combination of plantings is to plant bush beans and then plant potatoes, radishes, or carrots around it. But, do not plant alliums (garlic, leeks, onions, shallots) around beans. Beans will hinder their growth. Instead, plant lettuces around onions and the like. Do you see a pattern here? In these two cases, one companion plant matures above the ground and the other below the ground. This is an excellent way to maximize your harvest in a tight area.

Sometimes good companion planting has more to do with the structure of the plants rather than any chemical or nutrient effect. And sometimes it's both. For example, Native Americans planted pole beans with corn. The corn stalk provided stability for the bean vines and the beans provided nitrogen for the corn. Another example of a structure being the primary benefit is planting lettuces in and around your tomatoes. As the tomatoes mature, their foliage will shade the lettuces enough so they won't grow too quickly or burn up in our intense sunshine.

These examples are just a few of what you can learn through even simple research. One good book is *Companion Planting for Beginners: Pair Your Plants for a Bountiful, Chemical-Free Vegetable Garden*. Online, there are some wonderful websites such as the one provided by [Mother Earth News](#).

Visit our garden on Caswell Avenue behind the community college; stop in and see our garden if there is a member present. We are proud to show you what we are doing and maybe it will inspire you to join us.



Caswell Avenue Community Garden of Southport, NC: [www.facebook.com/groups/483761655007537](https://www.facebook.com/groups/483761655007537)

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## Maritime Museum seeking artifacts related to the area's commercial fishing history

The North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport is designing a new exhibit that showcases the rich history of commercial fishing in the Cape Fear region. But to help tell the full story, the museum staff is seeking the community's help.

"We're looking for anything related to the commercial fishing business," N.C. Maritime Museums' Design Curator Rebecca Edwards said. "Specifically, we'd like items related to any of the shrimp or fish houses that were down on the water."

Edwards said she's seeking objects like commercial fishing gear, cannery tins and tokens, boating equipment and other historical items related to commercial fishing in Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, and lower Onslow counties. She added they're also interested in items like pictures, letters, and other documents that add historical context.

"We would love the opportunity to display a wide variety of artifacts that give the visitors insight and appreciation for the Cape Fear fishing communities," Edwards said.

Edwards cautions that items should not be brought directly to the museum since the staff there is not set up to accept artifacts. Instead, the acquisition process is a structured one that goes through the collections staff, who are based out of the museum's sister site in Beaufort.

To donate an object or documents, contact Collections Manager Tessa Johnstone at [tessa.johnstone@ncdcr.gov](mailto:tessa.johnstone@ncdcr.gov) with an image of the object and/or a brief description. Johnstone will work with Edwards to determine which items would work best in the exhibit based on when it was used, what it illustrates if there is already a similar item in the collection, and other criteria. They'll then schedule an appointment to see the item in person.

Edwards said they're looking for objects used during the 18th, 19th, and late 20th centuries in shad, mullet, menhaden, shrimp, clam, and oyster fisheries, both farm-raised and locally harvested. She is hoping to also see something related to one specific fishery.

"We don't have anything for the sturgeon fishery, not even pictures, only a couple of news articles," Edwards said, noting that's partially attributable to the fishery's brief period in operation.

Edwards said the goal is to create a comprehensive display that honors the commercial fishing community, which played a vital role in the region's history. For more information, contact Edwards at [rebecca.edwards@ncdcr.gov](mailto:rebecca.edwards@ncdcr.gov) or (252) 504-7745.

"That was Southport's main economy back then," she said, "and I want to pay homage to them."



Shrimp Trawlers line the Southport Yacht Basin in the early 1950s. The N.C. Maritime Museum at Southport is seeking items connected to the Cape Fear region's commercial fishing history for a new exhibit.

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## A Glimpse of History: A Childhood Memory – Brooks Newton Preik *from Southport Historical Society Archives, Whittlers Bench March 1996*

D.W. Manson, of Wilmington, wrote the following story of Southport: If your imagination has a habit of serving you vividly and correctly then you will be interested in this story of Southport, North Carolina.

Let us commence our pilgrimage then at Wilmington, where we board a steamer of the same name and set out on a voyage of some 30 miles down the Cape Fear River, a beautiful scenic trip lasting about three hours, when we arrive about noon and tie up to the little dock protruding out into the Cape Fear harbor, one of the finest harbors on any coast, and with Fort Caswell, a couple of miles distant on an island-like peninsula, plainly visible on clear days across the water, this forms the beautiful outlook as a waterfront to Southport, the little city by the sea.

With the briefest possible reference to the late war, there were 12,000 or more men stationed at Fort Caswell during that period and Southport was favored by being the only settlement near called upon to offer hospitality to those men who through the emergency were forced to leave their homes and serve under the rule of the camp. This gives some idea of what this little community of about 1,000 whites and half as many colored, was called upon to do as its contribution to the entertainment, comfort, benefit, and uplifting morale of the man in the uniform located so near its gates and who were glad, when temporarily liberated from the rigid rule and order of the strenuous tactics and mingle with the hospitable life of the citizens of the town.

Now, let us go to our boarding house. This large, square two-story frame house with the 20-foot wide porches upstairs and down and all around the house was built 135 years ago and many of the country's foremost statesmen have registered and enjoyed the home hospitalities afforded here, among them our own President Wilson, who penned his name on the housing register in the youthful days of his life. This is Miss Kate Stuart, owner of the Stuart House. She was born in this room over 75 years ago, and while her hair is silvery white yet she is quick of step, clear of eye, and keen of intellect, and during the days you will spend in her presence you will be impressed with her utmost, kindly desire to please, be called upon to follow promptness at meal times, and you will feel yourself grow into the religious atmosphere which constantly pervades her presence, and if you are alert, you will come nearer than ever before to the real love of God if you try to emulate her spirit as she succeeds in the attainment of a most lovable hostess, and thus you have an example of the fine hospitality of the largest percentage of Southport people.

On our way to the Southport Army and Navy Club we pass along unpaved streets over a hundred feet wide and among and under the branches of live-oak trees, thick of trunk, many rearing their tops more than 80 feet in the air and their spread being fully as wide, the

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## A Childhood Memory – Brooks Newton Preik

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trees on either side stretch across the wide street and single their evergreen boughs together, forming a perpetual green arch across the way the year round. But now we arrive at a grove of these monster oaks covering three or more acres of ground a natural park with most of these massive trees estimated at over 200 years old, and here on the edge of this wonderful natural grove stands the club. Through the gate we cross over the broad walk and up to the steps of a frame building onto a broad portico 50 feet wide, the roof of which is 30 feet above the floor and is supported by four large, stately white pillars, between which, over the entrance to the building, swings majestically, folding and unfolding in protecting ripples in the balmy southern breeze, a 30-foot American flag.

Now we enter the building into a small foyer, where we are greeted by the sight of a large white sanitary drinking fountain, true it is that it is new to the building, yet it is not the first one we have ever seen. At our right the ladies' rest room, also a broad, carpeted staircase leading to the lodge room and the spacious library and reading room above, and to our left the executive office equipped in the most up-to-date fashion for the handling of the clerical problems in the conduct of the club. The writing room of spacious proportions is just behind this entrance, provided with every necessary requirement, where anyone may enter and in quietude and privacy sit down and write to a friend, home, or sweetheart.

In the rear of this is an "L" shaped room, large and commodious, where willow chairs, tables, and current periodicals make it comfortable for one to stop in at any time and play a game of chess or checkers or sit in restful comfort before a native wood fire blazing cheerfully in the big, white fireplace. Attached to and off to the right of this main building is the new addition which was recently dedicated with fitting ceremonies as "Memorial Hall," in commemoration of the brave Southport boys who donned the nation's uniform in her defense. This wing of the building is capable of seating an audience of more than 200 and is provided with a stage and dressing rooms on either side, admirably suited to concerts and amateur theatricals.

Another recent addition to the main building and in the rear thereof is the canteen, billiard, game room, and men's room, fully equipped with shower baths, wash basins, and all the convenient requirements. At the side of this section of the building is found a broad, covered porch, the entire length of the building. where are found a large number of easy chairs, porch swings, and rockers, where, during long summer evenings, many so-minded can lull into comfortable positions and watch entertainment or listen to a concert in progress on the floor of the unique pavilion in the side yard of the club, which is also a recent addition and most useful one to the rest of the activities? In the yard in front of this pavilion are outdoor benches, capable of accommodating four or five hundred people, and these provide ideal and complete equipment for warm weather and outdoor entertainment.

Though the town is small, this center would do credit to a larger city. Praise for the

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completeness and perfect appointments of it is not vested in one person alone, however. The project was made possible in the beginning by the local Masonic lodge, who, owning the building, readily consented to its use for the noble purpose in hand and donated it free for the period of the war. An excellent executive committee made up of some of the leading businesses of Southport, together with the representatives supplied by the War Camp Community Service, also deserves much credit for the successful carrying out of the complete program and the planning of the schemes which have invariably had happy and successful outcomes. Then there are the citizens themselves. Wonderful has been the cooperation in the matter of assisting in the outline of programs in the care and comfort of the men in uniform.

And now we are up to a perpetual Southport Community Service, and the continued use of a community center. It is hoped that the lights of a community center will continue to burn, the glow of the four lights on the massive columns which stand as guardians of cheer and good fellowship at the portals of the center will continue to light the way of the wanderer and beckon him on to come in, sit awhile and partake of the spirit of joy and pleasure "on tap perpetually, and they arrange and carry out an ever-varying program of real community service. New life is beginning to spring up on every side. Two committees are arranging separate plays for the near future, to be participated in by young and old; minstrel show rehearsals are in progress, a new Boy Scout master has enthusiastically declared himself, and men and women are preparing to form the various committees necessary to make up a complete program for the future.

We wish the perpetual Southport Community Service the greatest and best success.

D. W. MANSON



### SOUTHPORT HISTORICAL MARKERS ONLINE AUCTION

AUCTION TO BENEFIT SOUTHPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY & SOUTHPORT BEAUTIFICATION

[www.southporthistoricalsociety.org](http://www.southporthistoricalsociety.org)

[info@southporthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@southporthistoricalsociety.org)

Starts May 31, 2023

The Southport Historical Society has long provided the community with a walking tour collection of 14 historical markers. A few years ago, the Society installed new markers. Recognizing the historical and sentimental significance of the old markers, volunteers prepared them for display by creating custom wooden frames. The markers will soon be on tour at various locations throughout Southport. Beginning on May 31, 2023, the Society will hold an online auction to help each marker find its permanent home.



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GO VISIT

## The old Brunswick County Jail

The Museum is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm from April through October



Open Fridays 12:30 to 3:30 June through August.

Scan the QR code to learn more



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## Years of Service

*Jackie Smith, 4 Years – 5.21.2019*

Administrative Specialist

*Kelly Tooley, 1 Year – 5.17.2022*

Utility Billing CSR

*Shawn Barry, 1 Year – 5.25.2022*

Volunteer Fire Fighter

*Jaxon Francis, 1 Year – 5.27.2022*

Camp Counselor

Congratulations on achieving this anniversary with us! We know you have worked hard for this accomplishment and we truly appreciate your dedication.

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## American Macaroni Salad

[www.foodnetwork.com](http://www.foodnetwork.com)

### Ingredients

- 2 cups dry elbow macaroni, cooked, rinsed and drained
- 1/3 cup diced celery
- 1/4 cup minced red onion, soaked in cold water for 5 minutes, drained
- 1 tablespoon minced flat-leaf parsley
- 1/2 cup diced vine-ripened tomato (optional)
- 1/2 cup prepared mayonnaise
- 3/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper



### Instructions

In a large bowl, combine the macaroni, celery, onion, parsley, and tomato, if using. In a small bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, mustard, sugar, vinegar, sour cream, and salt. Pour the dressing over the salad and stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve. Store covered in the refrigerator, for up to 3 days.

*Did you try it?*

**We want to hear from you!**

If you try one of the recipes featured in the newsletter, post a picture of it and tag us on your preferred social media platform, or email a photo to us at [adaile@cityofsouthport.com](mailto:adaile@cityofsouthport.com)

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THANKS TO  petco love



Animal Protective Services  
910-477-1486

## JOIN US



**DATE: SATURDAY MAY 6TH**

**TIME: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**RIVER ROAD ANIMAL HOSPITAL  
8593 RIVER ROAD SOUTHPORT**

**FREE SERVICES AVAILABLE:**

**RABIES VACCINATIONS**

**DOG VACCINATIONS (DISTERPER/PARVO)**

**CAT VACCINATIONS (FELINE DISTERPER)**

**MICROCHIPPING (DOGS & CATS)**





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## RED WHITE & BLUE

# Shrimparoo



**SUNDAY, MAY 7TH**

**AMERICAN FISH COMPANY**

**150 YACHT BASIN DRIVE, SOUTHPORT**

**TO BENEFIT THE N.C. 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL**

**LIVE MUSIC BY  
R&R**

**DOORS OPEN  
AT 4 PM**

**FOOD SERVED  
FROM 5 PM.  
CASH BAR.**

**TICKETS: \$50 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE  
\$75 AT THE DOOR**

EACH TICKET INCLUDES SHRIMP BOIL, FRIED SHRIMP, SHRIMP 'N GRITS, CHICKEN, BBQ PORK AND MORE! VIEW THE FULL MENU AND PURCHASE TICKETS AT:

**[www.nc4thofJuly.com](http://www.nc4thofJuly.com)**

**AMERICAN  
FISH CO.**  
910-457-9870  
SOUTHPORT, NC



*Frying Pan*  
SOUTHPORT N.C.



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## HERE'S THE SCOOP!

**Celebrate National Travel & Tourism Week**



### **Ice Cream Social**

**You and your staff are invited!**

**Tuesday, May 9th**

**1-3 PM**

**Pole Barn at Dorsett Farm,  
3629 Airport Road, Southport**

Music

Ice Cream \* Italian Ice

Networking

What Tourism Does For Me

Presentations at 1:45pm

**Call (910) 457-6964 to RSVP.**

**RSVP preferred but not required.**

An event of the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce

[southport-oakisland.com](http://southport-oakisland.com)





# City of Southport HURRICANE EXPO

**May 22, 2023  
5:00 pm**

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**Southport  
Community  
Building**

**223 East Bay Street  
Southport, N.C 28461**

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CALL SFD HQ FOR MORE INFO

**(910) 457-7915**

## **Panel Topics**

**Are you Prepared?  
Evacuations & Re-Entry  
Electricity & Generators  
The Do's and Don't of Debris  
Removal  
Protecting Valuable Records  
Animals During an Evacuation  
EMS & Water Rescue  
Special Needs/Home Bound  
Citizens  
Protecting Your House  
Having Your House Firesafe  
Southport Connected/Code Red  
**Open Panel Discussion****



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## Southport Symposium

Southport Community Building, 2-4pm

Come out to the Community Building to hear from the City of Southport Department Representatives to learn more about your City! There will be a presentation and Q & A session with representatives from City Departments.

February  
13

City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Animal Protective Services, Human Resources

March  
13

Community Relations

April  
17

Development Services

May  
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Hurricane Expo  
Hosted by Fire Department  
5-8pm

June  
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Mayor  
Board of Aldermen

July  
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Finance & Utilities

August  
14

Police Department

September  
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Parks & Recreation

October  
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Fire Department

November  
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Public Services

*Completed*

Registration is required.

You can register by visiting: <https://forms.gle/P6i6TVna64jEXH4t6>



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## MAY AT A GLANCE



### UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

Board of Aldermen Special Budget Workshop  
May 1, 9 am - (SCB)

Historic Preservation Commission  
1st Wednesday of each month  
May 3, 4:00 pm - (ITMH)

Board of Aldermen Agenda Meeting  
May 5, 9 am - (ITMH)

Forestry Committee  
2nd Tuesday of each month  
May 9, 5 pm - (ITMH)

Park and Recreation Advisory Board  
2nd Tuesday of each month  
May 9, 6:30 pm - (ITMH)

ABC Board  
2nd Wednesday of each month  
May 10, 1:00 pm - (ITMH)

Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting  
2nd Thursday of each month  
May 11, 6 pm - (SCB)

Beautification Committee Meeting  
May 15, 5:00 pm - (ITMH)

Planning & Zoning Board  
3rd Thursday of each month  
May 18, 6 pm - (SCB)

Board of Adjustments  
4th Tuesday of each month  
May 23, 4:30 pm - (ITMH)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

2023 Southport Summer Market  
Wednesdays, 10 am - Franklin Sq Park

SHS: Paddle Through History with Bob Surridge  
May 3, 8:30 am, \$55 - Rice Creek

Free Shred Event for Brunswick County Residents  
May 4, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Bolivia Govt Complex

APS - Free Vaccinations Clinic  
May 6, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
River Road Animal Hospital

"This is Our Town" Cleanup  
May 6, 9 am - Old Jail Annex

NC 4th of July Festival  
Red White & Blue Shrimparoo  
May 7, 4:00 pm, \$55 - American Fish Co

SHS: Second Tuesday Talk with Jake Grossman  
May 9, 10:00 am - Harper Library

Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce:  
Celebrate National Travel & Tourism Week  
Ice Cream Social  
May 9, 1:00 pm - Dorsett Farm Pole Barn

SHS: History of Scent with Desiree Bridge  
May 15, 10:00 am - (ITMH)

Up Your Arts: 2023 Southport Plein Air Festival  
May 18, 19, 20, 10:00 am  
Franklin Sq Park

FOLSOL: Meet the Author Robert Remail  
May 18, 2:00 pm - Harper Library

City of Southport Hurricane Expo  
May 22, 5:00 pm - (SCB)

Friends of the Maritime Museum  
Rock with us on the Southport Waterfront!  
May 25, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Ft Johnston Garrison Lawn

SHS: An Evening of Celebration and Excitement  
May 31, 6:30 pm  
Ft Johnston Garrison Lawn

City meetings are open to the public. The City of Southport does not discriminate based on disability. If you need an auxiliary aid or service or other accommodation to attend or fully participate in this meeting, please contact the Clerk's office as far in advance as possible so that your request can be considered.

Southport Community Building (SCB)  
223 East Bay Street

Indian Trail Meeting Hall (ITMH)  
110 West Moore Street

Southport City Hall, 1029 N. Howe Street, Southport, NC 28461

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